

January 30th

Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *With what fair crowns*

Arranged by Basil Crow

1) With what di - vine and fair crowns
of praise shall we crown our three - ven - - -
-ra - ble teach - ers? Who, af - ter the bod - y, were far
a - - - part, yet in the Spir - - it were bound
as one; the fore - most a - mong God - bear -
- ing Fa - thers; the ser - vants and peers in num - ber
of the Trin - i - - - ty; the stars that
shine with un - end - ing light through - out the world,

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the Church's tow - er - ing pil - lars, who be - cause they
 tri - - - umphed have been crowned with crowns of glo - ry
 by Christ, our im - mor - - - tal God, Who
 grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.

2) With what sweet beau - ty of hym - - -
 - no - - - dy shall we lau - rel the God - - -
 - bear - ing Fa - thers? who are ho - ly Heav - en's in - i - - -
 - ti - - - ates and Or - tho - dox - - - y's am - bas - - -
 - sa - - - dors; those all - un - cor - rupt - ed the - - -
 - o - lo - ians: great Bas - - - il, the skilled re - veal - er

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of God's mys - ter - ies; di - vine and

di - vine - ly speak - ing Fa - ther Greg - o - - - ry;

with him whose tongue was all gold - en, John, the cel - e -

- brat - - - ed; they were right - ly glo - ri - fied by

our Lord God, the Trin - - - i - - - ty, Who

grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.

3) With what high words of en - - - co - - -

- mi - - - ums shall we of - fer our praise

to the hier - archs? they are th A - pos - tles' true peers

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in grace, e - qual - ly hon - ored with them
 in gifts; de - stroy - ers of god - less ir -
 - re - li - gion; the sav - iors and ex - pert guides in
 both their words and deeds; the shep - herds
 who im - i - tat - ed Christ through fer - vent faith;
 the tru - ly heav - en - ly mor - tals and th earth - ly
 An - - - gels, whom the Lord of Glo - ry, Christ God,
 hath hon - ored and mag - - - ni - - - fied, Who
 grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.

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Un. *G* *Un.* *E*

4) With what di - vine and fair crowns

G *Un.* *E*

of praise shall we crown John whose dis -

Un. *G* *Un.*

-course was gold - en, with the ho - ly Bas - il and Greg -

F *G* *Un.* *E*

- o - - - ry? they are the Spir - it's au - gust

G *F* *Un.* *E*

ves - - - sels, the stead - fast de - fend - ers of

Un. *G*

the true Faith, the pil - - lars of ho - ly Church, the

F

staff of faith - ful men, the com - fort

G *F*

and con - so - la - tion of all them that sin,

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features various dynamics and articulations such as accents (>), slurs, and breath marks (Un.). The lyrics are: "pure springs that gush forth with wa - ter, where-from as we draw forth, we are filled with sweet - ness of soul, be - seech - ing for - give - ness of our fail - ings while seek - ing Great Mer - cy."

G *E* *Un.* *F* *G*
pure springs that gush forth with wa - ter, where-from as we

E *Un.*
draw forth, we are filled with sweet - ness of soul,

G *F* *G*
be - seech - ing for - give - ness of our

Un. *G*
fail - ings while seek - ing Great Mer - cy.